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Mark Stephenson, with the Fort McMurray Fire Department, stands amid rubble on Sunday. COURTESY CAPT. MATT COLLINS

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FORT MCMURRAY WILDFIRE

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'This too shall pass'
In the first Sunday mass since the wildfire, a Fort McMurray priest offered these words of comfort to anyone whose faith has been shaken by the disaster.

DONATIONS

Funny, faithful help out victims

Across the GTA, residents are coming together to support those whose homes and lives have been irrevocably altered by the fires in Alberta.

On Saturday, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Toronto came together to pray for rain in Fort McMurray. The Islamic sect is also donating clothes and other supplies to the relief effort and making its mosque in Edmonton available as a temporary shelter.

"I urge all fellow Canadians to follow their lead and do whatever they can to help Canadians facing this calamity. Let's help in any capacity we can," said Ahmadiyya member Bilal Malik.

And on Wednesday, members of Toronto's art and comedy scene will band together to raise funds for Fort Mac.

The show is scheduled for 7 p.m. at KABIN, a new arts space at 11 Carlaw Ave. Confirmed acts include Comedy Network star Elvira Kurt, Second City veterans Reid Janisse and Ashley Botting as well as indie band Tiny Danza.

Silent-auction items have been donated by Left Field Brewery, Second City and Nightwood Theatre.

Entry is by donation and all proceeds will to the Red Cross Alberta Fires Appeal.
LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

WEDDING IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD Fort McMurray bride-to-be Elise Boissoneault was forced to flee town just days before her nuptials — without her wedding gown. Torontonians stepped up and vowed to find the flustered fiancée a new dress. After Toronto-based photographer Alex Neary put out a call for help, hundreds of offers poured in. Boissoneault walked away from Lea-Ann Belter Bridal shop with a large sigh of relief. CONTRIBUTED

Ten-year-old twins pitcher in

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Little lemonade stand brings in $537 for victims

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A pair of 10-year-olds from Toronto hope to douse the wildfires in Fort McMurray, one glass of lemonade at a time.

Twin brothers Connor and Jonathan Muia took advantage of the sunny weather Saturday to set up a lemonade stand at the corner of Canterbury Crescent and The Kingsway in Etobicoke. They were joined by their cousin, Dawson Schigol, who was visiting from Saskatoon.

Together, the trio raised $537 to help victims of the massive wildfire.

"I'm so proud. What a great mother's day present," said the twins' mom, Ines Muia.

The family is matching the amount raised and will donate more than $1,000 to the Canadian Red Cross.

"I hope it helps stop the fire," Connor said.

Muia told Metro her sons have been glued to the television since the fires broke out.

"I think they see a lot of disasters on TV, but this one really hit home," she said. "The people affected by it are Canadians. They may be far away, but they're still our neighbours."

Connor and Jonathan aren't the only entrepreneurial youngsters in the GTA lending a hand. Five-year-old Alexander Tuck of Whitby also set up a lemonade stand in his hometown Saturday and raised over $1,000, according to media reports.

Connor, Jonathan and their cousin Dawson. CONTRIBUTED

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City will rebound: Residents

REBUILDING

But economists say boomtown revival hopes are misplaced

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

A giant fireball erupts as a wildfire rips through the forest 16 kilometres south of Fort McMurray on Highway 63 on Saturday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newfoundlander Debra Smith has little choice but to continue believing in the boomtown nature of Fort McMurray, though others warn her optimism could be misplaced.

"I've heard some people say they're not going to go back," Smith said, after leaving the city for Edmonton recently. "I think it's the minority. Because everybody is coming back and they're going to rebuild."

People from Canada's economically depressed regions, the Maritimes in particular, have for more than a decade turned to Fort McMurray as a city where good-paying jobs are there for those willing to move.

But as the city reels from a wildfire that has displaced 90,000 and cut oil production by an estimated one million barrels per day — economic pain amplified by the price of oil falling by more than half over the past year, with 100,000 people losing their jobs in Alberta alone — two very different views of Fort McMurray's economic future are emerging.

For Smith, from small-town Newfoundland where job prospects are scarce, Fort McMurray simply has to rebound.

"It'll have to be a boomtown again because you need all those people to come back to help rebuild everything — put everything back the way it was or even better than it was," she said.

"Give it a year or two and it'll be back bigger than ever … because, people are not giving up. This is where our home is. It's not going to die, it's not going to go away, it can't. We're just waiting for the word to go back."

But some economists warn what may look like a boom as the city rebuilds may not heal the fire's deeper economic blow.

Jennifer Winter, director of energy and environmental policy at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy, said on balance, the fire has damaged an already struggling city.

"The issue is that — technically yes [there will be a boom] — but it would be much better for Alberta's provincial economy if the fire hadn't happened at all," Winter said.

"And so, yes, there will be a bump in activity as there's rebuilding, but it's not going to compensate for the lost economic activity as a result of the fire."

Smith said government money that was set to be used for other goals will now be focused solely on rebuilding McMurray — leading to a short-term bump but a longer-term hole in other services.

"The only real long term economic impact would be increased taxes with the government response to the fires, increase insurance premiums because of the large payouts and maybe a little bit of a change in Fort McMurray itself," she said.

EVACUEES

Mother's Day not forgotten

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

At the Northlands Expo Centre Sunday it seemed as though every second woman was carrying a fresh cut flower.

At the convention facility, which has been swiftly turned into a village for Fort McMurray evacuees, no one wanted to forget Mother's Day. And so volunteers brought the cut flowers to any mom who wanted them.

Thousands of people have come to the centre looking for some level of help over the course of the last week, with close to 2,000 people sleeping in the facility's giant halls at the peak, but that number is down to 600.

Mayor Don Iveson said the city will operate the centre for as long as is needed, but he is glad people are finding more permanent housing.

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'They're fighting for their city'

EMERGENCY WORKERS

Partners of firefighters band together

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

It wasn't exactly the perfect first Mother's Day for Megan Langpap, as her husband, Hunter, continues to fight the inferno that's ravaged Fort McMurray and surrounding areas.

The Fort McMurray resident is among a group of wives who haven't seen their firefighting husbands since they left to battle a ferocious blaze that's bigger than both Calgary and Edmonton.

"He's been giving 'er around the clock since he's gotten there," said Megan, who's been staying with her sister in Edmonton. "They're exhausted, but they're fighting for their city, so I think that's what's keeping them focussed.

"The love from their wives is non-stop — we're thinking about them around the clock."

To keep spirits alive, Megan said firefighters' wives have created a group to set up things like play dates, share school registration information and offer places to stay.

"I think being a wife of someone in the fire department, you can just relate," she said. "We've all banded together, helping each other with everything we may need because we've had to move our lives down south."

> **The love from their wives is non-stop — we're thinking about them around the clock.** Megan Langpap

For Megan, all she needs is an "AG," or "all good," from Hunter to keep her at ease.

"I literally have a string of 'AGs' in my text message feed," she said with a laugh. "If we get to talk to him, it's a good day.

"I miss him, but I also know in my heart he needs to be there."

It's almost like firefighters have an innate quality to respond to wildfires, she added.

"If he was with us, he wouldn't be resting easy — he needs to be there," she said. "I think all those firefighters feel this need to go and protect and save."

She said the family anticipates to celebrate Mother's Day at a later date, when Hunter returns.

"All I need right now is my son in my arms, and I have him," she said. "We're safe and my husband is safe. The support we're getting right now is just carrying us."

Megan Langpap, centre, her husband Hunter and son Cullen. Langpap hasn't seen her husband since he left to fight the wildfire in the Fort McMurray area. CONTRIBUTED

NORQUEST COLLEGE

Graduates ready to battle fire

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A crew of new firefighters is going straight from an Edmonton, Alta. classroom to the Fort McMurray wildfire.

Sixteen students who graduated Norquest College's Fire and Safety Training program Friday are on standby to battle the blaze that has claimed at least 1,600 structures and caused mass evacuations.

"I'm anxious to get out there," said graduate Lorin Anderson.

Anderson grew up in Wabasca-Desmarais, part of the Bigstone Cree Nation, and had his house go up in flames when he was a teenager after a volunteer fire crew responded to the blaze.

Ever since then, he's wanted to fight fires.

"When I was 17 my house burned down. The first fire truck that showed up had no water. The second one, they didn't know how to hook it up. I was shocked," he said.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Tweet confirms family's house destroyed

One tweet managed to stifle a rumour that Meranda Bos hoped wasn't true.

Bos is among few in Fort McMurray who actually know their homes have been destroyed, as residents haven't been able to enter the city after a ravenous blaze tarnished many neighbourhoods on Tuesday.

"I had heard rumours that our house was gone," she recalled, while staying with her parents in New Brunswick to attend the funeral of her husband's father. "But you always try and go, 'Okay, we don't for sure."

That all changed when she received a text from her neighbour while on her way to Edmonton. Within the message was a link to a tweet that showcased the rubble that was left in the neighbourhood of Wood Buffalo.

"After I saw that, I said to my husband, 'Adam, our house is gone,'" Bos said. "We had prepared a little bit, but we were so focussed on the funeral that we didn't think too much about it."

According to the latest damage assessment by local officials, 1,600 structures in town have been lost, where 80 percent of homes in the community of Beacon Hill were destroyed. Severe loss was also reported in Abasand and Waterways, and some damage had occurred in Wood Buffalo.

To make light of the situation, Bos joked to her husband that they no longer need to repaint the dreadful yellow walls.

"It's like this running joke: 'Oh, you get to pick your paint colours now,'" she chuckled.

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The Bos family lost their home to the wildfires in Fort McMurray. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Pets reunite with families

Furry friends who've been displaced by the ravaging fires in Fort McMurray have received a little love from Calgary SPCAs.

The animal rescue effort in Fort McMurray has begun to take form, after more than 230 pets were rescued from homes on Wednesday and Thursday. Plus, local officials with the Rural Municipality of Wood Buffalo continue to find makeshift shelters.

JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saskatchewan not in immediate danger: Officials

Though the Saskatchewan government doesn't anticipate an "imminent threat" to the growing Fort McMurray wildfires, it has set up mechanisms to fight the blaze if it enters the province.

On Saturday, Alberta officials said the inferno that has ravaged Fort McMurray was headed toward the Saskatchewan border, and last year, Saskatchewan battled forest fires in the north of the province.

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Notley to survey damage first-hand

GOVERNMENT

Alberta leader chokes up ahead of visit to ravaged city

Members of the RCMP inspect burnt-out homes destroyed by the wildfire. ALBERTA RCMP/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Wildfires that levelled neighbourhoods in Fort McMurray slowed their rampage through tinder-dry forest in northern Alberta on Sunday, allowing firefighters in the oilpatch city to focus on hot spots as plans were made for Premier Rachel Notley to survey the damage first-hand.

Notley said the fight against the fire has stabilized to the point that she can visit and begin the next phase of the government's operation to determine what must be done to eventually allow people to return to the city.

Speaking at a media briefing, Notley had to pause to compose herself when she spoke about Mother's Day and two evacuees who were killed in a traffic accident last week.

"Our hearts go out to their families. This is Mother's Day. I am hoping, in all of this crisis, to spend a few minutes today with my own children," Notley said, pausing as her voice cracked. "That not all of us can do that is definitely an awful tragedy. So today, Mother's Day, all of us in Alberta are thinking of you who have suffered these losses."

Emily Ryan, 15, and her stepmother's nephew, Aaron Hodgson, died in the accident a day after the fire drove 80,000 people from the city.

Notley was scheduled to visit Fort McMurray on Monday. The premier warned residents to brace themselves for the images they will see, reminding them that counselling services are available.

Chad Morrison with Alberta Wildfire said firefighters have managed to hold the line against the fire better in Fort McMurray.

The weather was changing and below-seasonal temperatures will help firefighters who have been battling the blaze since May 1, he said. The wildfire did not grow to the size that was expected on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Welfare now $12K below poverty line

ECONOMY

Gap between assistance, cutoff up 200% since '93: Study

Ontario Works recipients Tracy Mead (left) and Pauline Bryant. Both have been active in the fight to get Ontario to raise welfare rates. KEITH BEATY/TORONTO STAR

After five years on welfare, Pauline Bryant figures she was probably over-qualified to help others "get by on next to nothing" as a part-time community engagement worker last year.

Although the job gave Bryant an extra $600 a month, it didn't provide medical benefits or enough money to escape welfare. But it eased her sense of isolation.

"What I liked best about working with others on low income was the message: 'You are not alone,' " says Bryant, 53. "That's what I held onto. I realized it's not just me."

Her friend Tracy Mead, 50, has also worked on contracts for community agencies but never earned enough to survive without welfare, either.

Despite the province's 2008 poverty reduction plan, the women's plight and that of almost 158,000 other single adults on welfare or Ontario Works is getting worse, according to a new report on social assistance.

For them, the poverty gap has jumped almost 200 per cent since 1993, says the analysis by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

It means Bryant and Mead are living on incomes 60 per cent below the poverty line, the report says. The maximum Ontario Works rate is $681 a month.

"Whether you are single, a single parent, or a family with children, if you qualify for social assistance in Ontario, you fall below the poverty line," says economist Kaylie Tiessen.

If the province is serious about fighting poverty, it should raise welfare rates as well as tax credits such as the Trillium Benefit, a monthly payment to all low-income people that provides relief for sales tax, property tax and energy costs, she says.

Also in the mix are provincial plans, announced in the spring budget, to pilot a Basic Income, a form of guaranteed annual income, and a housing benefit outside social assistance that promise to offer opportunities to help all low-income people, including those on welfare. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POVERTY STATS

- **$8,510:** Annual income of a single adult receiving Ontario Works.
- **$20,811:** Low Income Measure, after taxes, for a single person.
- **59%:** Poverty gap for a single person receiving Ontario Works.
- **$12,301:** Value of poverty gap for a single person on Ontario Works.
- **154,000:** Number of single adults receiving Ontario Works in February.

Source: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"We just went to see The Little Prince, and it just reminded me a lot of the movies that I saw as a child. It was really refreshing to see a movie like that because I don't feel like a lot of movies remind me of the '90s as much as I want them to. We all wanted to see it because we had an attachment to the book. We might've been the only adults without children.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

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The crisp taste of ambition

Newcomer brings his homebrew on the job hunt

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

Metro surprised newcomer Horácio Ribeiro and his wife Juliana Kojima with a meeting with Steam Whistle Brewing's marketing coordinator Sybil Taylor. STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

Fresh off a plane from Brazil, Toronto newcomer Horácio Ribeiro wants to put his best foot — and beer — forward.

Ribeiro and his wife arrived Wednesday with ten bottles of a home brew he calls The Looking for a Job Ale.

Made in a small batch of 16 litres, with a bottle and graphics he designed, Ribeiro plans to bring the beer with him as he hunts for a job in Toronto.

The packaging includes his contact information and a QR bar code, which can be scanned by a smartphone to deliver his resume.

"I called it an IPA, but it is not a true IPA because the malt is impossible to find in Brazil," Ribeiro told Metro.

"The craft brewing scene is very young there," he said. "In 2000, there was no craft beer around Sao Paolo. We only found light lagers."

The exception was the annual release of a Winter Bock, which Ribeiro said he and his father would wait for all year.

Avid beer fans, Ribeiro and his wife have travelled to England, Germany and the Czech Republic in search of beers impossible to find in Brazil.

"I really love English beer," Ribeiro said. "American-style I like too, but I am more a traditional guy."

Ribeiro has been home brewing for six years and completed an 80-hour brewing program at a technical school in Brazil. He and a friend brewed two 500-litre batches of beer, which they sold to bars in Sao Paolo.

"In Brazil, I was very confident, but here, because of the language difference, I am a little nervous," he said.

His wife will soon start studying at George Brown College so Ribeiro needs work to support them.

"If it is in a brewery, that would be amazing, but right now, I just want a job."

TALKING SHOP

Metro arranged a surprise meeting with Steam Whistle Brewing's communications director, Sybil Taylor, to review Riberio's home brew.

"The old English-style lettering, the icons showing the hops and grains. It is retro, but with the forward-thinking information here with the contact information and the QR code. This is beautiful," Taylor said.

But how does it taste? "That is very nice, properly balanced," Taylor said. "It's refreshing with that little bit of ginger at the end."

Ribeiro's mix of skills — brewing, marketing, graphic design — leave him well-positioned to work at a young, upstart brewery, where there is an all-hands-on-deck work environment, Taylor said.

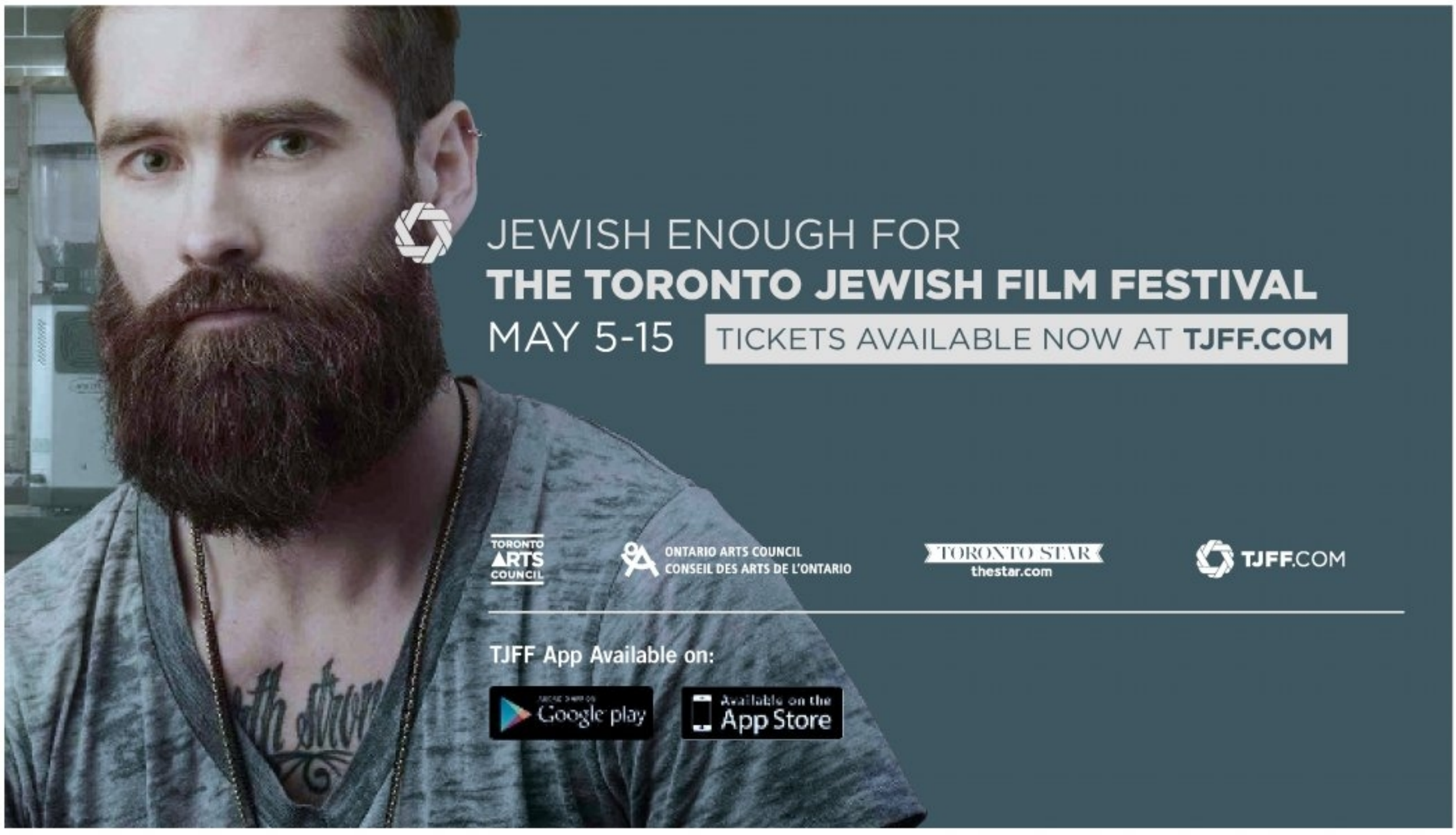
IN BRIEF

Toronto teen found safe after home invasion

Toronto police say a 16-year-old boy who went missing after a home invasion this morning has been found safe. Officers arrived at a home in the Weston Rd. and Church St. area around 5:45 a.m. after reports that a group of men forced their way into a home and assaulted the occupants. Police say valuables were taken during the incident. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 416-808-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS (8477). TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police ask witnesses for help locating woman, car

Toronto police say witnesses have helped them identify a car following a double slaying at an east-end plaza on April 29. Police are asking for the public's help in locating a 2006, grey four-door Ford Fusion with Ontario licence plate BYYW755. Investigators say they would also like to speak with 24-year-old Julianna Talevski of Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Patch Project inks community art

PUBLIC SPACES

Charity works with developers to showcase local murals

Shane Perusse
For Metro | Toronto

Members of the Patch Project work on a mural at Alex Park.
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A Toronto charity is working with developers to make construction sites a bit more beautiful.

The Patch Project, part of the Sustainable Thinking and Expression on Public Space (STEPS) initiative, is a non-profit that organizes art projects along construction fencing in the city.

With one of the busiest construction seasons in recent memory heading to Toronto, the group expects to be busy.

"It's great experience and exposure for local artists," said Nick Sweetman, who has worked with Patch on several installations. "It's an awesome initiative that uses public space to put out a good message into the city."

Many developers have reached out to Patch for guidance about how the make their construction sites less of an eyesore.

"Construction is not something we all enjoy seeing so this work gives builders a chance to make art that benefits the community," said Alexis Speer, founding director of STEPS.

Since 2014, developers in Toronto are required by law to make 50 per cent of the fencing around construction sites available for community artwork.

The Patch Project works with around 100 Toronto artists who plan and create the art installations, including murals, live events and heritage displays that feature artifacts uncovered at the sites.

TECHNOLOGY

Stupid Hackathon keeps it fun

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

A Toronto group wants to disrupt the traditional Hackathon — those computer programmer meet-ups fuelled by energy drinks, pizza and the implicit promise that the next billion-dollar IPO is just one world-changing tech idea away.

Organizers say the Stupid S— No One Needs and Terrible Ideas Hackathon — an event devoted entirely to useless and absurd projects — is designed to keep tech egos in check.

"There are so many hackathons that are like: 'We're going to hack cancer in 24 hours,'" said organizer Tom Hobson. "People show up in suits and are aggressively networking and taking this fun thing way too seriously. Everyone is trying to become the cool, clever boy on the cover of Wired magazine."

The Stupid Hackathon is the first Toronto-edition of a project now in its third year in New York City.

At a February event in New York, projects included: Non-Ad Block, an extension that blocks all web content that isn't an ad; Unfriend the Poors, a service to find and unfriend your poor friends on Facebook; and Shakie, an app that only takes a picture when your phone is shaken.

"We want to attract people who have stupidity and silliness in their heart," Hobson said.

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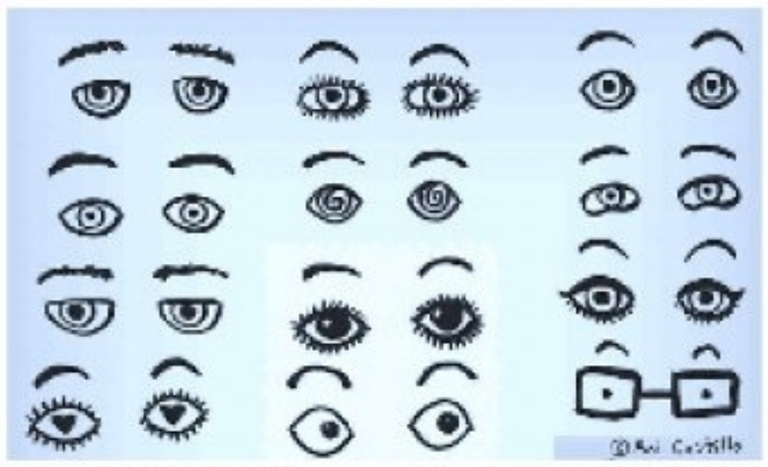
Could you provide some kind of guide to public ogling?



Dear Ellen,
I'm wondering if you can provide some kind of guide to ogling (is that even how you spell it?).
L.

Dear L.,

You'll see that I moved the list of questions in your letter down into my answer (below) so I could easily address them one by one. But before we begin, the fact you can barely spell "ogling" makes me wonder if you are defining it correctly.

"Ogling" (which, btw, is pronounced OH-gling, not AWG-gling) connotes leering or blatantly checking out someone's body. This I do not condone. Unless you are a sex worker or Miley Cyrus, you don't want to go out in public and have some gross, horny stranger staring at you with their tongue hanging out, blatantly undressing you with their eyes, or making any other gesture pertaining to a desire to see you naked.

However, dear L., if what you really mean is "looking" — well, that's another matter. It's normal to look. Whether we want to or not, whether we're even conscious of it or not, our animal brains contain an ancient, uncontrollable limbic system that is constantly ordering our eyeballs to check out potential mates.

The trick for any civilized person is to know how and when to look, which brings us to your excellent questions.

Is it best to just avoid all eye contact with strangers?

It depends. Sometimes firm eye contact along with a smile is required, as when stepping around an elderly person on a sidewalk, or accepting change from a cashier. Other times, eye contact should be avoided at all costs, like when the person on the sidewalk is holding a clipboard and wants to ask about your personal beliefs. Or the sidewalk is a dark alley and the stranger is shouting lewd comments at you.

Then there's the limbic-brain situation, which requires more finesse. If you notice an attractive-to-you stranger, it's perfectly acceptable to flick a nano-second of pupil dilation at them. Believe me, if they find you attractive, they won't miss it. And even if they don't find you attractive, many civilized human beings don't mind being noticed on the street by appreciative, respectful strangers who know how to nano-look, perhaps even offer a courtly nod, and then keep walking — women of a certain age adore visiting Paris for this very reason. Like I said, finesse is required.

Should I avoid eye contact with strangers who are way better looking than me?

Absolutely not! First of all, "way better looking" is in the eye of the beholder. Secondly, it's not just looks that make a person attractive. Grooming, style, self-confidence, a lust for life — these are all attributes that make anyone worth a look.

What about making eye contact in the reflection of a bus or subway window?

The same rules apply. Don't ogle, and desist if the attention is registered but not reciprocated. Furthermore, if any of you readers start a romantic relationship in this unbearably romantic way, I must insist you contact me so I can share your story with the entire Metro audience.

Where is the line between friendly smile and over-friendly smile?

Please see paragraphs above referring to "tongue hanging out" and "finesse."

What about staring at a beautiful human who is driving and ignoring you and perhaps even endangering your life while you are riding alongside them on your bike?

No amount of looking is worth dying for. Pull over, and pull yourself together.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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Handwriting brings loved ones together

Not everyone will have spent yesterday with their mother.

Some mothers have died, some are estranged, and some mothers (mine) live far away.

But there are ways to be near a person who is not here — among them, their handwriting.

Handwriting is a physical mark that a person exists, or existed. They were here, moments or hours or weeks ago, leaning over this paper, with a pen that has lent this ink — giving a little something of themselves away.

In what they said, but more magical to those who love them, in how they wrote it.

Mum's hand is looping and full and warm, spreading over the page, soft and round like dough rising.

Dad's is compact and slanted, more elegant, exact, and careful (he is a man who has always measured twice).

My fiancé, a non-traditional type, writes in a hand unburdened by structure, rough and staccato, more utilitarian, less self-conscious.

I can also see both my brothers' scripts, and my sister's. All handwriting is as recognizable as a voice or a gait, but it has something extra, and special — a physical tie to the person. It was made by them, and it goes on to exist, and it can be folded up and kept in a wallet. Even after the bent edges tear, you can still pull it out and piece it together and hold both the thoughts and marking of a person.

In 2014, researchers found that students who took handwritten notes in a lecture remembered the material better. The idea was that you have to synthesize information as you record it, since few can write long-hand as fast as a person speaks.

I've also wondered if the personalization of the information into your own script, and the physically committing it to a page, doesn't also help.

There also seems to me to be some tie between these findings and the difference between physical words on paper, and digital ones on screen. In my own life, the former make a more lasting impact. They seem more real.

Which is perhaps why I cannot throw out the card and letters sent by my mother (or father, who posts them less frequently), or the random notes left by my fiancé. They're collected in random piles, in baskets and drawers around the apartment, or stuck to the fridge.

They might be deemed clutter, but they are more truly vessels for spirits. And you can call upon them like an incantation, open them and poof: Your love is here.

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INTERVIEW

Jays right fielder lends image to cereal boxes

Don't ask Jose Bautista to choose between his favourite cereals.

"Bad first question," he says, when asked if he prefers Golden Grahams or Cinnamon Toast Crunch, the two cereals that will carry his image on boxes for months to come. Fair enough.

The collaboration between the Blue Jays right fielder and General Mills Canada — sparked by Bautista's Instagram posts showing him cradling the boxes — will see the two cereals with his image on shelves across Canada starting this week.

The announcement comes after a years-long cereal industry slump and reports that millennials are turning away from the traditional breakfast food because it requires too much work to eat. We sat down with Bautista, 35, a father of three and noted health nut who nonetheless indulges in sugary cereal after games and on the road, at the Rogers Centre for a brief interview to chat nutrition, fitness, and — yes, cereal.

Jose Bautista, a cereal aficionado himself, has partnered with Golden Grahams and Cinnamon Toast Crunch, two cereals that will carry his image on their boxes for the coming months. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

As you've gotten older, how has your nutrition changed? Are there certain things you don't eat anymore?

At different times of the year I have different diets and they all have a purpose. At times I take things in and out of the diet for specific purposes, but there's nothing that I ever say, "I'm never eating this again." I like to keep a good rotation. It all depends on if I'm training, if I'm in season, if I'm in a rest and recovery phase right after the season. I think it just adjusts a lot.

How have your workouts evolved as you've aged?

I think you get to understand your body. You get to know what works for you, what helps you be better, what makes you sore, what makes you tight, what gives you pain. You just become more efficient. You manage your body better. Nutrition and workouts are two big parts of it and then recovery and rest is the third big element.

Do you use any fitness apps?

I don't use any fitness apps. I try to keep a journal, keeping track of what I've done. Normally my trainer and my cook keep a log of the food and the workouts. I do use my phone, on the Notes app.

Did you eat these cereals (Golden Grahams and Cinnamon Toast Crunch) growing up?

Growing up, a little bit of Golden Grahams. Cinnamon Toast Crunch wasn't that popular in the Dominican when I was growing up, but Golden Grahams was. We used to get a lot of knockoffs, so the general brand version of Golden Grahams. It was still a luxury item and I was from a middle class family. It's not like every time my mom went to the grocery store she got me one but when she could she would.

Why did you want to do the collaboration (with General Mills Canada)?

We always try to connect with our fans ... We wanted to show them what we were doing on the flights and at hotels. Normally when we're travelling, we try to get comfort food. Cereal is definitely comfort food for me. I posted (photos of cereal) a few times on social media. A couple of the employees (at General Mills Canada) noticed and we just started talking, and today we're here.

You were at the Raptors game last night (Sunday). Do you feel there's a real sense of Toronto camaraderie between all the different teams right now, across hockey, basketball, baseball?

I think so. I think everyone pulls for each other ... All these guys love to support us. With the Raptors, with Toronto FC, they always come out and watch batting practice, stay for games. It's great. We try to go there and support them as well. There's a little bit more of a pride — of winning for the city — in Toronto that I don't think exists in other places. We've embraced that.

If 2015 was the year of the bat flip, what's 2016?

I don't know yet, we'll see. Yet to be determined. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Ross Kostron, 40, Red Seal Electrician / General Manager at Mr. Electric Canada, Regina, SK

My career started on the farm. As a teenager, I often worked with my dad to install agricultural wiring and naturally found myself at Saskatchewan Polytechnic to pursue my electrician certification at the age of 17.

I put in four years of schooling — including 7,200 hours of on-the-job training — to achieve my interprovincial Red Seal journeyman credentials. From there, I was given the opportunity to work for several residential and commercial projects across Canada, including installations and upgrades for franchises like McDonald's and Tim Horton's.

I now manage an electrical servicing company in six locations across Canada, where I work closely with hundreds of technicians to meet the demands of the urban construction boom. I am most excited about the opportunities made available from advancing technologies — whether they provide electricians with a unique range of projects, or enhance interactive engagement as they go about their daily routines.

I enjoy what I do mostly because there is something different to experience every day. I've been able to meet many different people and make life-long friends along the way — even working for and meeting sports figures from both the CFL and NHL. Being able to hire staff feels great, too, as I get to help new technicians become part of something bigger while also powering community growth.

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HOW TO START

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Victoire
(1282 Unit B. Wellington Street West)

This whimsical boutique houses women's and classic wear from major designers such as Eve Gravel and Betina Lou. It's the ideal shop for that perfect summer dress.

Kitchenalia
(274 Richmond Road)

This kitchen store is a must for vintage-looking, eclectic or modern flatware, dishware and other kitchen items that will let you to cook and entertain in style, with a twist of originality.

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Fun discoveries

After some shopping and eating, you'll probably want to take in some of the city's culture and nonstop activities.

Westfest

If you're in Ottawa from June 3 to 5, be sure to attend this event at Laroche Park in Westboro. Dubbed as a community-building event, Westfest promotes Canadian art and culture. Attend free music concerts and contemporary dance shows and admire visual media or Aboriginal artwork.

Diefenbunker

This four-storey underground bunker was built during the Cold War in the event of nuclear war. It is now known as Canada's Cold War Museum. In March, the Diefenbunker launched the World's Largest Escape Room – an unforgettable experience that runs in the evenings, where the object is, simply, to escape.

Tulip Festival

The widely-known and popular annual Tulip Festival runs from May 12 to 23, with one million colourful tulips decorating Ottawa's greenspaces.

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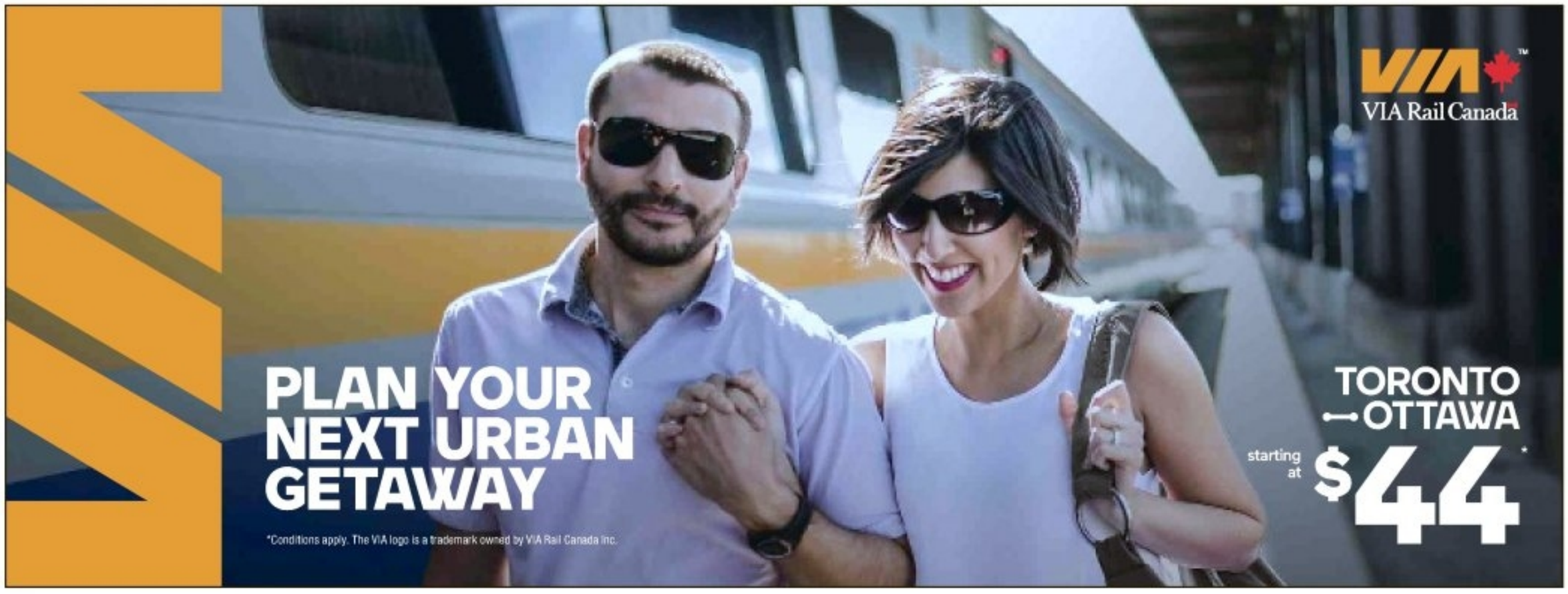
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A time to raise awareness of all the things nurses do

Jason Menard

National Nursing Week, running from May 9-15, is an opportunity to reflect upon and appreciate the integral role that nurses play in the Canadian health-care system.

"This year's theme, 'Nurses — With you every step of the way,' is meaningful in many ways and can mean different things to different people," explained Anne Sutherland, chief executive officer at the Canadian Nurses Association. "For me, it's particularly meaningful because it underlines the fact that nurses help Canadians achieve their best health to lead healthy lives, in many more ways than people can expect.

"This week is a great opportunity to reflect on the remarkable contributions that nurses bring to make Canada healthier."

National Nursing Week got its start in 1985, when the federal minister of health proclaimed the second week of May a time to mark the dedication and achievements of the nursing profession in Canada. With nurses involved in all health-care settings — from neonatal intensive care to mental-health services to palliative care, and in research and education — they are a key to the success of our system.

"With more than 406,000 regulated nurses in Canada, nurses really are the backbone of our universal health-care system. If we consider our rapidly aging population, the nursing role is more important than ever, and its significance will only continue to grow in the years ahead," Sutherland said. "At the Canadian Nurses Association, we have been advocating strongly for more integrated health-care systems. When we think of improving home care for seniors, providing better palliative care in the wake of the introduction of medical assistance in dying, or other aspects of care, nurses play a vital role to ensure that our health system remains universally accessible to all Canadians."

In addition to giving people the opportunity to recognize outstanding nurses in the system, Sutherland added that it's also a great opportunity for people to clear up misconceptions about the profession.

"Generally speaking, a lot of people don't know all the places that nurses work and what nurses can do," she added.

"Nurses work in a wide range of roles, including clinical care, research, administration, education and policy. Nurses help to inform, develop and implement innovative programs to deliver care to the most vulnerable Canadians. While people generally know nurses to be caring, they may not know that that care is more than just compassion. It is education, expertise, knowledge, and leadership that helps to improve health outcomes for Canadians.

"National nursing week is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the unnoticed roles nurses play in our health care system. This week gives all Canadian nurses a great opportunity to be recognized for everything they do."

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Lineups falling short

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Injuries to Valanciunas, Whiteside lead to small ball

The NBA has been moving toward some kind of positionless game, where five guys of basically the same height and skillset play anywhere on the floor, guard anyone on the other team, play a flowing, up-tempo style with little regard to the traditional guards, forwards and centres.

Consider the Toronto Raptors-Miami Heat Eastern Conference semifinal a test case for the coming era.

With two seven-foot centres hobbled by varying degrees of injury, a mix-and-match "small ball" series is likely to evolve.

"Some guys are going to have to play out of position, but you've got to be a basketball player, you can't have a number," Toronto's DeMarre Carroll said Sunday.

The Raptors already have ruled Jonas Valanciunas out of the rest of the series because of a sprained right ankle suffered Saturday night; Miami is listing centre Hassan Whiteside as day-to-day with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee.

And while his leg was encased in a light cast Sunday, him playing seems far-fetched at this point.

It should reduce Monday's Game 4 of the best-of-seven series —Toronto leads 2-1 — to a battle of small lineups.

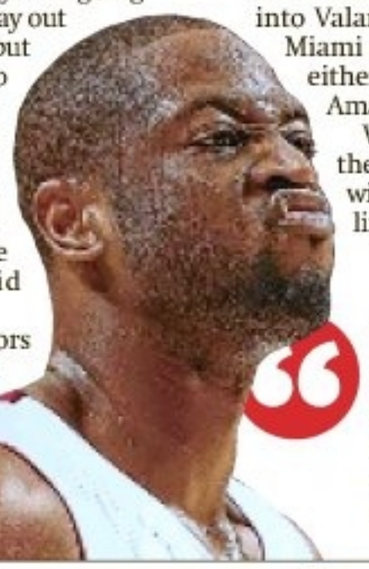
"We can play faster, play with some more pace (and) cause some confusion versus their (defensive) switches ... that's something we can do," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "The good outweighs the bad for us."

Neither Casey nor Miami coach Erik Spoelstra would tip his hand about what the lineups would look like Monday without each starting centre. The logical move would be for Toronto to insert backup Bismack Biyombo into Valanciunas's place and Miami could counter with either Udonis Haslem or Amar'e Stoudemire.

Whatever happens, the trickle down effect will create some unique lineups.

Toronto is at least used to playing without Valanciunas, who missed a quarter of the regular season with two hand injuries. The Raptors went 16-6 with him out of the lineup.

Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas, left, has been ruled out for the remainder of the conference semifinals while Hassan Whiteside of the Heat is day-to-day. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



If anybody thinks I'm being disrespectful to a country, then they don't know who Dwyane Wade is.

Dwyane took some heat for his pre-game shooting routine, which continued through the beginning of O Canada before Saturday's game

"I have shown that I can guard small," Biyombo said. "We switch a lot when I'm on the floor, one through five. So there's nothing that will surprise me but as a team we have to find a way to keep them under 100 points.

"That has been the key for us to winning a playoff game."

Valanciunas had been playing some of the best basketball of his career in the Heat series, averaging 18.3 points per game on 65 per cent shooting from the field and 12.7 rebounds.

"I do know Jonas was getting better every game at doing something, whether playing with confidence, screening properly, defending his position, doing a better job in the pick and roll defensive schemes; he was growing and it's unfortunate because I thought (Saturday) was going to be one of his best performances," Casey said.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavaliers perfect through 2 rounds

Cleveland's Big Three is on quite a roll.

Two playoff series, two sweeps.

Now, the Cavaliers get to rest up for the Eastern Conference final.

Kevin Love scored 27 points, LeBron James knocked down a huge shot with 39.2 seconds to go, and Kyrie Irving turned in another dazzling performance to lead Cleveland past the Atlanta Hawks 100-99 on Sunday.

The Cavaliers finished off the second-round series with four straight wins, just as they did in the opening round against Detroit.

"This is more than I dreamed of," Irving said. "It's what I genuinely enjoy about basketball, playing with great guys."

James and Irving finished with 21 points apiece. James also doled out nine assists, while Irving had eight.

Dennis Schroder led the Hawks with 21 points.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Isles outclassed by Bolts in series finale

Victor Hedman scored twice and Ben Bishop stopped 28 shots Sunday, helping the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the New York Islanders 4-0 and reach the Eastern Conference final for the second straight year.

Tampa Bay eliminated the Isles in five games, winning four straight.

Hedman scored an unassisted goal from the slot at 13:49 of the first period, then beat Islanders goaltender Thomas Greiss again on a second-period power play that gave Tampa Bay a three-goal lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAME 5 In Tampa

4	0

PREMIER LEAGUE

Pellegrini limping to English finish

Manuel Pellegrini's long goodbye at Manchester City is turning sour.

Manuel Pellegrini
GETTY IMAGES

At the end of a week in which the team surrendered in the Champions League semifinals, City was held 2-2 by Arsenal in the Premier League to throw into doubt its return to Europe's elite competition next season.

"It is a scandal how we all are together. We literally are like brothers.

Leicester's Jamie Vardy who scored two in a 3-1 win over Everton Saturday, the day the 5,000-1 pre-season underdogs collected the Premier League trophy

A top-four finish is no longer in City's hands with a week left.

Even more galling, its great rival — Manchester United — is the team that could grab City's Champions League qualification berth. Fourth-place City is two points clear of United, which has two games left — against West Ham and Bournemouth — to City's one. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Barça in La Liga driver's seat
Barcelona routed city rival Espanyol 5-0 on Sunday to increase its lead in the Spanish league going into next weekend's final round of matches, when another win will secure the Catalan club its second consecutive title.
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Nats Harper walked 6 times
The Chicago Cubs walked Washington star Bryce Harper a record-tying six times, then beat the Nationals 4-3 when Javier Baez homered in the 13th inning Sunday for a four-game sweep.
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BMO FIELD OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN

Write the script for a momentous game — like Toronto FC's return to a revamped BMO Field after eight matches on the road — and it calls for a momentous goal.

That's what Tsubasa Endoh delivered Saturday night in the Reds' 1-0 home-opening win over FC Dallas, only the second time the Reds have beaten the Hoops in Major League Soccer.

The 22-year-old Japanese forward, who was nearly unknown when the Reds drafted him seventh overall in January, scored his first professional goal in the 28th minute with a tidy touch past Dallas goalkeeper Jesse Gonzalez from the six-yard line on a setup from Sebastian Giovinco.

The loud sellout crowd of 30,025 got a "huge thank you" afterwards from captain Michael Bradley and TFC (4-3-2) now sits in second place in the MLS Eastern Conference standings, just a point behind the rival Montreal Impact (4-3-3) with a game in hand.

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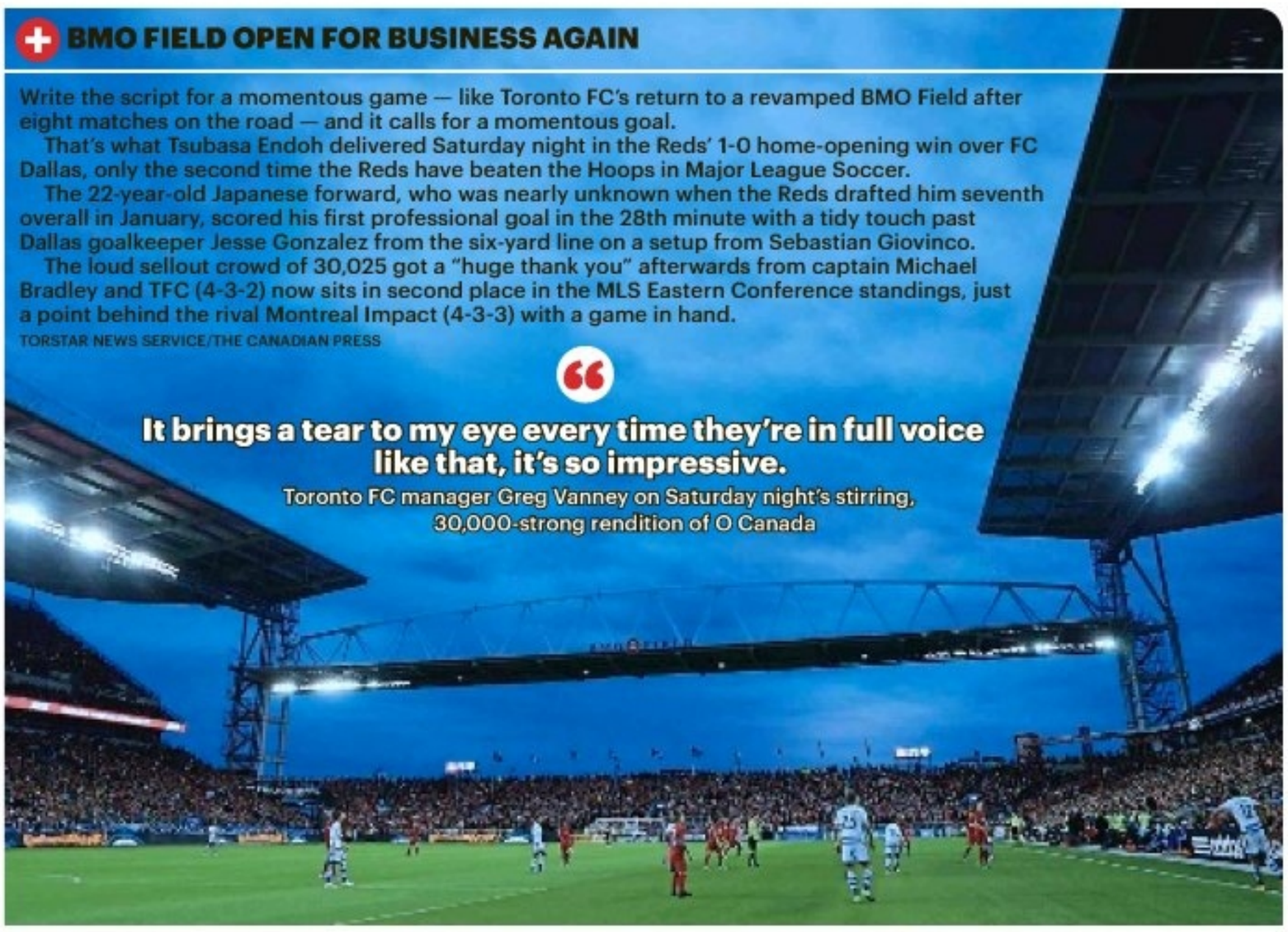

"It brings a tear to my eye every time they're in full voice like that, it's so impressive.

Toronto FC manager Greg Vanney on Saturday night's stirring, 30,000-strong rendition of O Canada

No offence, Marco

MLB

Without run support, Jays' Estrada winless in five

The Toronto Blue Jays wasted another strong start for Marco Estrada. The right-hander was hurt by poor run support — again.

Estrada pitched seven innings of one-run ball in Toronto's 4-2 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday.

Howie Kendrick hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning for Los Angeles.

The late rally spoiled another strong outing by Estrada, who held the Dodgers hitless through five innings but now remains winless in five outings. He allowed three hits, struck out eight and walked two.

"He did a hell of a job," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.

Toronto has scored six runs for Estrada over the course of his winless stretch.

Estrada's past three starts have come at home, where Toronto has failed to score more than two runs in five of its past 10 games. It is 0-5 in those contests.

"These things happen," Estrada said. "Hopefully it doesn't last very long with anybody. Hopefully we can all turn things around and play as a group, play together, because this team is way too good not to."

Blue Jays relievers have a major league-worst 10 losses this season. Toronto has lost two straight after winning the previous four.

Joc Pederson connected for his sixth homer as Los Angeles took two of three in the weekend set.

Chris Hatcher (3-3) got the victory despite yielding a run in the seventh that gave Toronto the lead. Pedro Baez got two outs in the eighth and Kenley Jansen finished for his major league-leading 11th save.

With Los Angeles trailing 2-1 in the eighth, Chase Utley sparked the winning rally with a leadoff walk against Drew Storen (0-2). Corey Seager followed with a ground-rule double to right.

Roberto Osuna came on and struck out Justin Turner, and then intentionally walked Adrian Gonzalez to load the bases. Grandal capped an eight-pitch at bat with a sacrifice fly before Kendrick singled in Seager.
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Rays	15	14	.517	2.5
Jays	**16**	**17**	**.485**	**3.5**
Yankees*	11	17	.393	6

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Marco Estrada has 36 strikeouts in 37.2 innings with a very respectable 2.39 ERA. But without run support he's been stuck with a 1-2 record.

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RECIPE Niçoise Sandwich

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Kick off the week with a picnic-style sandwich. Then invite some people over because it makes a lot!

Ready in
Ready in: 1 hour
Serves: 6 to 8

Ingredients
- 1 rustic loaf of bread
- 2 x 7 oz cans of tuna
- 3 hard boiled eggs
- 1/4 English cucumber, sliced
- handful fresh basil
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp dijon mustard
- 1 or 2 Tbsp black olive tapenade

Directions

1. Whisk together oil, vinegar and mustard until you have a smooth dressing. Drain your tuna well and place it in a bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of the dressing to the tuna and mash it up with a fork and mix well. Toss the sliced cucumber in the remaining tablespoon of dressing and give it a stir.

2. Cut the loaf of bread horizontally and use your fingers to pinch out a good bit (about a cup) of the soft bread inside. Spread a thin layer of tapenade on piece of bread. Place a layer of basil leaves, followed by a layer of sliced egg. Now use a spoon to mound the tuna next. Follow with a layer of sliced cucumber.

3. Place the top of the bread and press down gently. Wrap the whole sandwich in plastic. Put it on a plate and weigh it down with something. Put the whole works in the fridge for at least an hour or over night so the flavours combine and the sandwich is easier to slice.

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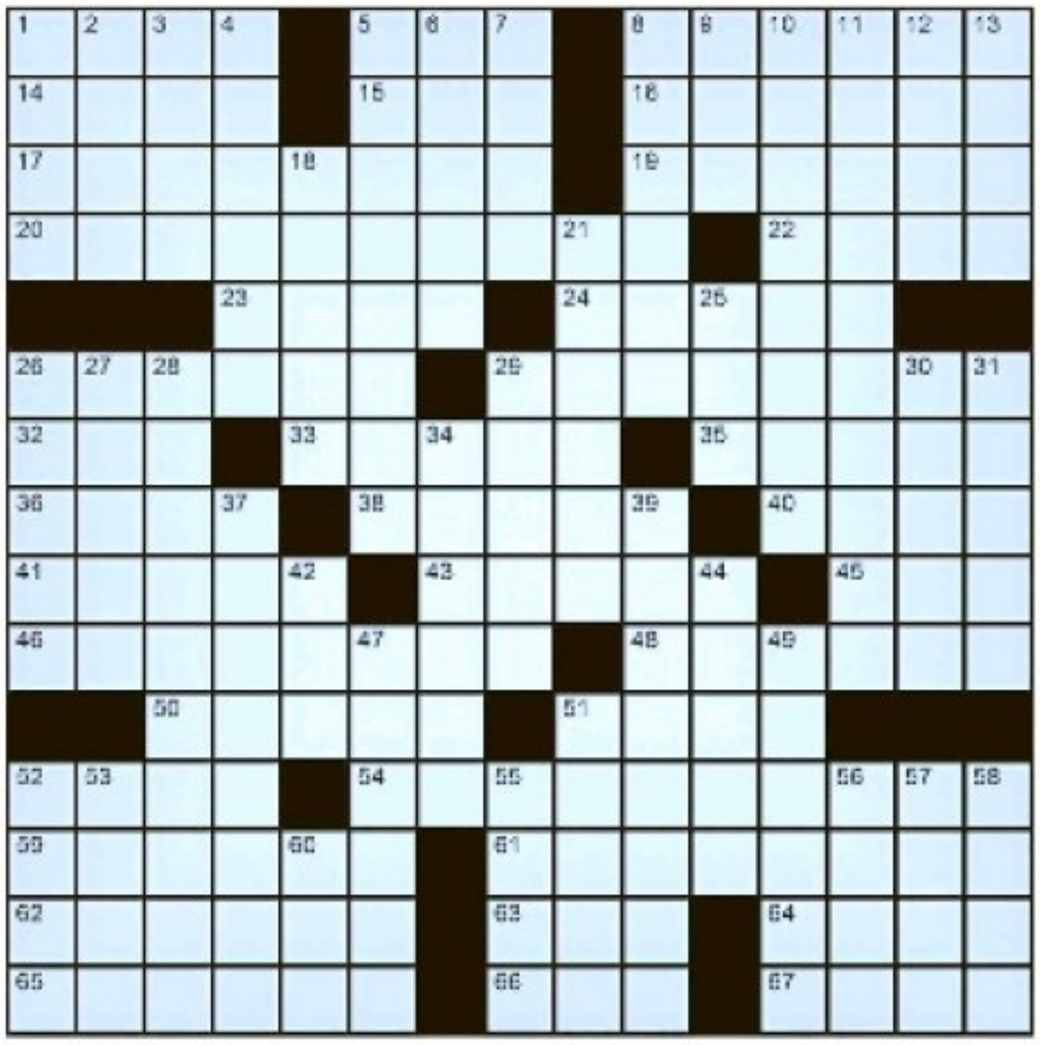

ACROSS
1. "Good Times" disco group
5. Mr. Blanc
8. Said walkin' instead of walking
14. Roman moon goddess
15. Hubbub
16. Song of dawn
17. __ reaction
19. Polishes
20. Canadian author of 1995 novel The Jade Peony: 2 wds.
22. E-J link
23. "Not on __!" = "No way!"
24. Canadian comedian Mr. Mandel
26. Clandestine
29. Noble crustacean: 2 wds.
32. Type of submachine gun
33. __ Marner (1861 novel)
35. Canadian singer/songwriter Ms. McNeil
36. Snaky spots
38. Spy for Moses
40. Separate, as laundry
41. __ Arden (1864 poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson)
43. Cam __ (Hockey great born in Comox, BC)
45. Mesh
46. Localized
48. "Psst!" from above: 2 wds.
50. Fancy neckwear
51. "When We __ Young" by Adele
52. Big amount
54. Sad movie
59. Chant
61. Like really humid summer weather: 2 wds.
62. Really loud Zzzz-er
63. Enunciate
64. "Would __ to You?" by Eurythmics
65. Feels
66. Approves [abbr.]
67. Singer, Mama __ Elliot (b.1941 - d.1974)

DOWN
1. Cat's clutcher
2. Retro toy, __ Hoop
3. Toward the centre
4. __ salad
5. Moncton's gravity attraction, __ Hill
6. Proclamation
7. Ness Monster's need
8. Lax: 2 wds.
9. "I __ Ya Papi" by Jennifer Lopez
10. __, __ (Canadian punk rocker Bif Naked's new memoir)
11. Kenny Loggins tune in Tom Cruise movie "Top Gun" (1986): 2 wds.
12. Global News anchor who is a 3x Olympian, Rosey __
13. Mr. Arnaz of "I Love Lucy"
18. Choir outfits
21. "That's understandable now." 3 wds.
25. One of ABC's "The View" co-hosts ...her initials-sharers
26. "Fantastic!"
27. www mag
28. Manager of #39-Down when the team won the World Series in 1992 and 1993: 2 wds.
29. Clark Kent, originally, on planet Krypton
30. Broadcaster
31. Music's Ms. Midler
34. Woolly
37. Snip-snip-snippers
39. As per #28-Down... Toronto __ __
42. Ad __ committee
44. WWI: Canada's coming of age on the world stage
47. Diarists
49. Brave
51. Make mayhem, with Havoc
52. "__ Congeniality" (2000)
53. Ms. Hathaway
55. Dog, with Lhasa
56. British band, __ Shaker
57. Christian denomination, e.g.
58. Whiskey grains
60. Wedding notice word

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Rather than initiate new financial matters, finish what is started. If you're looking for a job, go back to where you previously applied or perhaps where you worked before.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Ex-partners and old friends are back in the picture. Consider this an opportunity for closure or to reach a better understanding about old issues.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It is frustrating right now, because your ruler, Mercury, is retrograde, and this makes you error-prone, late to meetings and events, plus subject to misplaced items and transportation delays. Yikes!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Old friends are back on the scene now. This could be heartwarming, because it is a wonderful thing to have history with others. You can't buy this.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an excellent time to wrap up old business with parents, bosses and VIPs. However, it's a poor time to initiate anything new. Keep this in mind if you want a successful outcome.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Travel plans will be delayed. However, this is an excellent time to finish up school papers and manuscripts. Focus on what you were doing in the past.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a great time to wrap up loose ends with inheritances, taxes, debt and anything having to do with shared property. You will be surprised by how quickly things will come together.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Ex-partners and old friends are coming out of the woodwork! Like what's with that? Well, Mercury is retrograde directly opposite your sign, which triggers this looping-to-the-past phenomena.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your efficiency on the job has suffered lately, which is a bummer. What is particularly exasperating is that these errors are just so silly!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Old flames from the past might contact you now. Sometimes this is exciting; sometimes it's not exciting at all, it's horrific.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good time to wrap up old projects and finish renovations and repairs. This especially applies to family businesses.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Life is frustrating now because of transportation delays, car problems, late mail deliveries and lost paperwork. Just cope as best you can, because this will be over soon.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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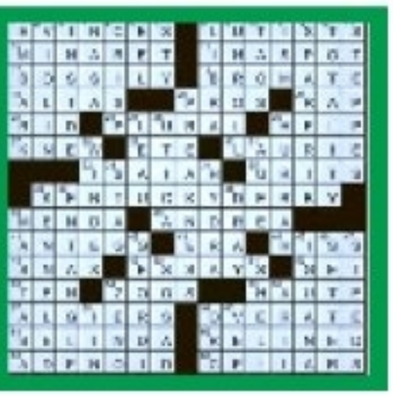

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